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Enrique, also known as “Henri” joined the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 9479 in 1996 and later transferred to St. Patrick Council 11748 when established in March of 2004, being his home council. He served as the councils **Charter Grand Knight** for two years leading the council to a series of activities and fundraising programs that garnered over \$8000 during its first year, allowing them to provide donations to the church, the school, charitable organizations and bursaries to graduating elementary students of St. Patrick for their first year in high school. Membership drives have been

aggressively conducted that saw the membership numbers sore to over 130 members.

A year after the establishment of the St. Patrick Council, the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly was formed in 2005, being his home assembly since and a charter member, serving as the **Faithful Comptroller**.

After his two year term as Chartered Grand Knight of St. Patrick Council, Henri was nominated to a **District Deputy** position for District #5. As District Deputy, he was able to guide and direct his councils to aim for and achieved the Star Council Awards, where he himself earned the **Star District Award**.

As well, he was instrumental, in collaboration with then DD#5 Charles Pacqueo and then District Master Sir Knight Tony Pimentel, in forming four (4) new councils and three (3) new assemblies during his three (3) year term of serving as District Deputy #5.

Ironically though, his home council, St. Patrick Council 11748 seem to have relaxed and somewhat stagnant, although still active in assisting church activities, that the then pastor, Fr. Vince Hawkswell, learning that he has finished his term as District Deputy, personally requested him to return as the council's Grand Knight, which was greeted overwhelmingly by his council members. He then served St. Patrick Council again as a grand knight for the next two years while at the same time, spend time with his Deputy Grand Knight, training him to be his successor. He then served the council as a Trustee for the next three (3) years as well as an adviser to the current grand knight.

In 2016, Henri was appointed **State PR and Communication** Chairman by then State Deputy Arcie Lim, and then served as the **State Convention chairman** for two (2) years under then State Deputy Koon Ming Lau for the fraternal year 2017-18 and 2018-19. After which, Henri was appointed by the then State Deputy Dale Hofer as the **State Faith Director** during his 2 year term. Henri is currently the **State PR and Publicity Chairman** under the leadership of State Deputy Edgardo Panes.

During his term as the Faithful Comptroller of the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly, Henri was awarded the **Faithful Comptroller of the Year** award who served the assembly in the position for seven (7) years before being elected as the **Faithful Navigator** in 2012. Henri then served the assembly as Trustee during the next three (3) years then continued on to serve the assembly as the **Faithful Purser** up to this present time.